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FOR: ELECTRODE, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND SOLID-STATE
HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT ELECTROLYTE TYPE FUEL CELL
EMPLOYING THE ELECTRODE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, applicant herein elects the invention of Group II (Claims 6-7) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. According to § 808.02 of the MPEP, where related inventions have the same classification and field of search, there is no reason for dividing among the related inventions. Here, the Examiner has recognized that all of the claims are classified in class 429. Moreover, any appropriate search for elected method of making an electrode would necessarily include classes and subclasses appropriate for the search of an electrode and the fuel cell of Claim 8. Examining all of the claims would therefore not present a substantial further burden upon the Office, and so it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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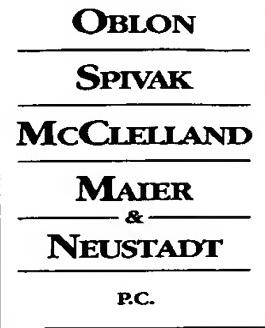
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Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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